

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Meritet *et al.* Confirmation No.: To Be Assigned  
 Application No.: 10/717,767 Group No.: To Be Assigned  
 Filed: November 20, 2003 Examiner: To Be Assigned  
 For: INTERFERON-ALPHA INDUCED GENE

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of THREE months to respond to the Office Action dated December 29, 2006.
2. Applicant is  a small entity;  other than a small entity.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee For Other <u>Than Small Entity</u>	Fee for <u>Small Entity</u>
one month	\$120.00	\$60.00
two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months*	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

\*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.

Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.

All fees are being authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605 when electronically filing

Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

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